

# *Unum* by Blessing Hancock

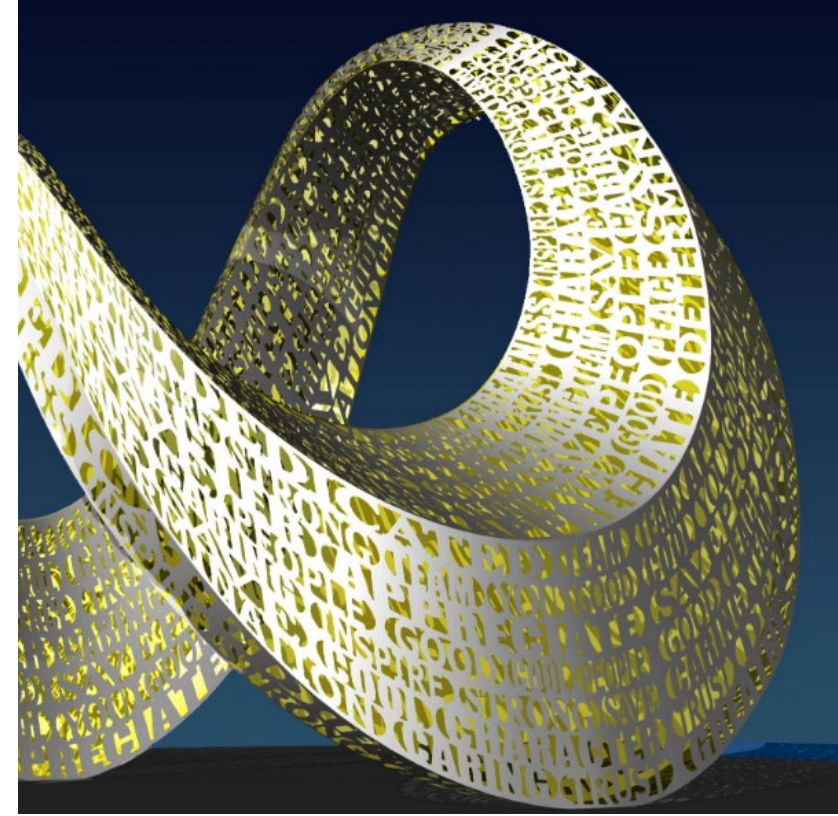
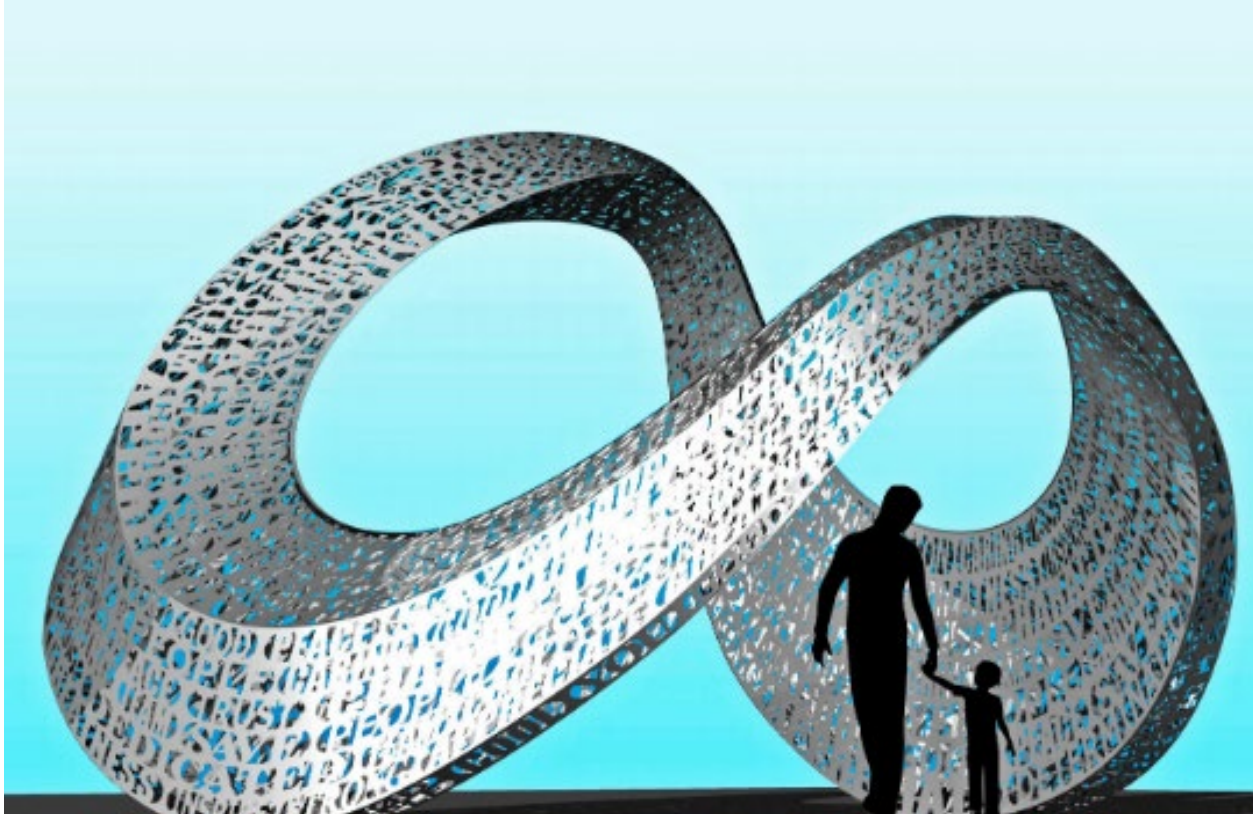
## Recommended words & languages

City of Santa Rosa

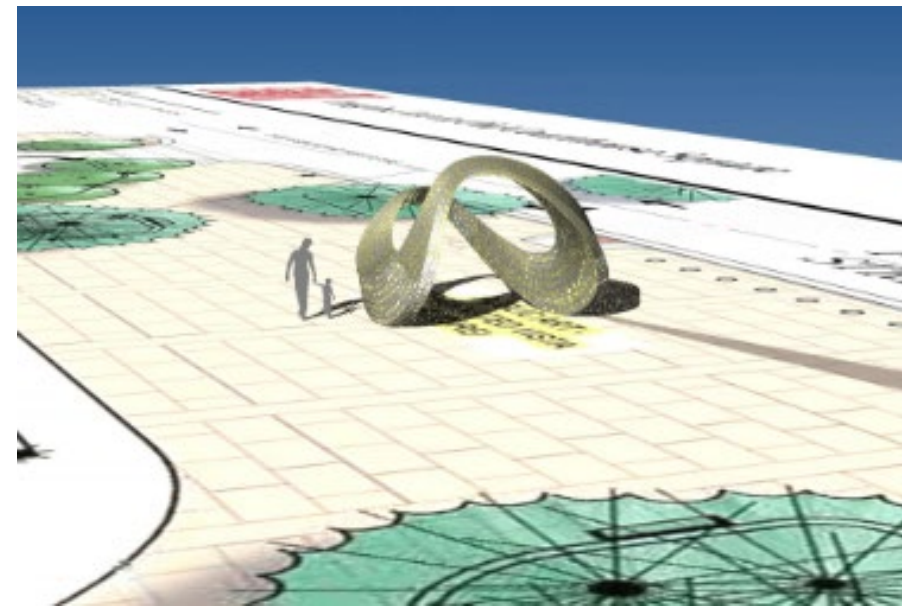
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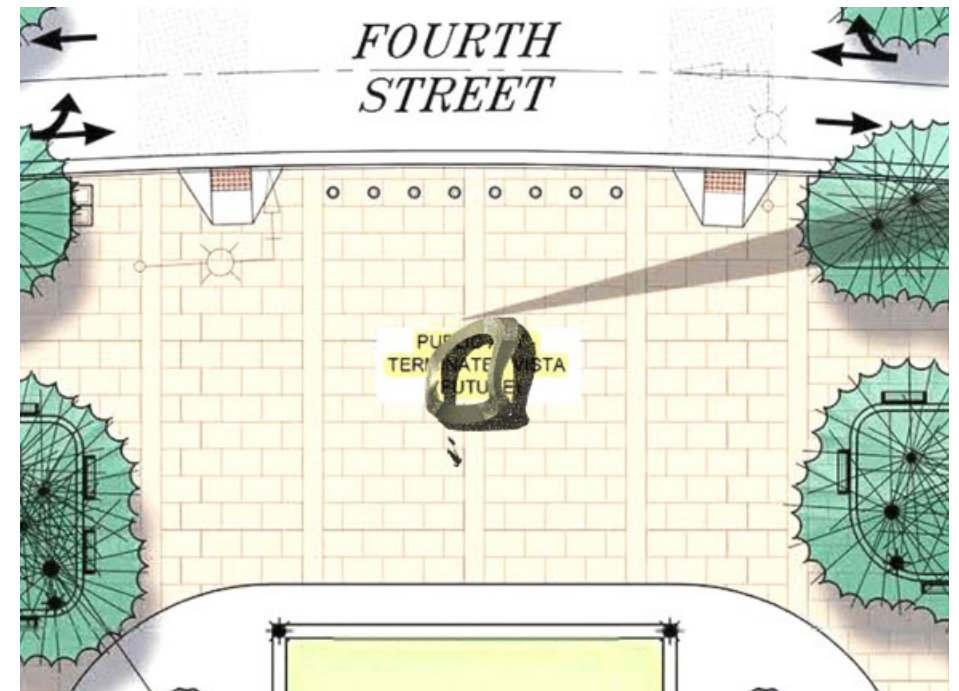


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# Proposal by Blessing Hancock

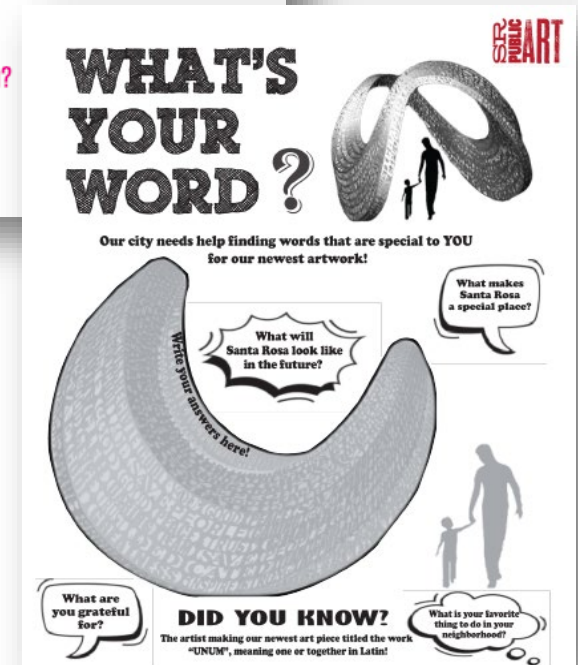
- **Description:** “Unum”, Latin for ‘oneness or together’, is a signature artwork that places emphasis on innovation, diversity, and engagement as leading values of Santa Rosa. Inspired by the unified Old Courthouse Square, the sculpture embraces themes of welcoming and inspiration, while also relaying the Santa Rosa values of innovation and cultural inclusivity through its text, collected through a community engagement process. During the day the sculpture casts shadows of the words onto the square using sunlight whereas in the early morning and evening hours, it will be illuminated by LED light fixtures mounted within the sculpture creating a soft, diffused glow within the structure’s form.
- **Community Engagement:** text on sculpture will be collected through public engagement opportunity with APPC to identify selected words that represent inherent values to Santa Rosa.
- **Dimensions:** approximately 12’ high and 15’ diameter
- **Materials:** water jet cut stainless steel, LED lights





# Engagement Process

- Community Advisory Group
  - Provided input on how to engage
  - Assisted with soliciting participation
  - Finalized selected words and languages to recommend to the APPC
- Online survey
- In-person collection
  - Youth engagement
  - Public engagement
- Land Acknowledgement



# Engagement Prompts

- What are your hopes for the future of Santa Rosa?
- What about your community/neighborhood inspires you?
- What makes Santa Rosa unique?
- What values are important to you and your community?

- What makes Santa Rosa a special place?
- What will Santa Rosa look like in the future?
- What are you grateful for?
- What is your favorite thing to do in your neighborhood?

# Recommended Words

Unity
Community
People
Diversity
Kindness
Neighborhood
City
Safety
Respect
Love
Peace
Care
Resilience
Family
Equality
Equity
Belonging
Friendship

# Languages of Santa Rosa

English
Spanish
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)
Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian
Vietnamese
Thai
Khmer
Amharic, Somali
French
Swahili
German
Korean
Italian
Persian (incl. Farsi, Dari)

Source: City of Santa Rosa Language Assistance Plan, 2019

Southern Pomo
Coast Miwok

# Recommendation

Approve the recommended words and languages to be included in *Unum's* design for the Imagine Art in Old Courthouse Square Public Art Project.

# Next Steps

- Artist will use approved words to finalize artwork design and engineering to submit to City
- After final design and engineering are approved, artwork will be fabricated
- Installation expected this spring